GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS AT LOWER RATES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are exporting wheat and rice @ Rs. 475/- and Rs. 615/- perquintal while it is issued @ Rs. 660/- Rs. 880/- per quintal to the consumers in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have initiated remedial steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): Wheat and rice are being offered from the Central Pool for export at the following prices:-

(Rs. Per MT)

Wheat	Rice
4250	5650(raw) & 6000(parboiled)

Wheat and rice are being supplied to the consumers in the country presently at APL and BPL rates as shown below:-

(Rs. Per MT)

	Commodity	BPL	APL
1.	Wheat	4150	6100
2.	Rice	5650	8300

The present export prices for wheat and rice are higher than the BPL category rates.

The export prices are fixed by the Government from time to time to promote competitiveness of Indian wheat and rice against international prices.